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Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 26, 2008, which set a shortened statutory period of three months to respond. A three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing with an executed Certificate of Mailing on or before December 26, 2008. This response is also accompanied by a check in the amount of \$140.00 for payment of the fee required for the submission of the terminal disclaimer, and a check in the amount of \$1110.00 in payment of the fee required for the extension of time. It is not believed that this response occasions any additional fees, but should there be any further fees, or if our check is missing or otherwise insufficient, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION: None.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS: None.

REMARKS begin on page 3 of this paper.